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INDICATORS for the south Atlantic states at 1 a. m. partly cloudy weather, and local rain, northerly winds shifting to easterly, warmer weather and falling barometer.

It is part of the duty of the associated press to announce daily that the New Orleans exposition will be in full operation in a few days. It is one of the peculiarities of exhibits that they open before they start.

The complications in Europe are making some queer alliances. It looks as though Italy and England will be on the one side, with Germany, France, Russia and Austria on the other. England will thus be almost alone.

CORRUPTION resumes its session to-morrow when the days will be ineffectually spent waiting for the great event in March. The senate and the house will be engaged upon the interstate bill during the week. The Blair educational bill may be called up in the house.

Governor Cleveland has finished up his work in the executive mansion in Albany, and will introduce Lieutenant Governor Hill to the senate to-day. Then he will spend a few days in Buffalo and elsewhere preparatory to his visit to Washington, whither he has been called on important business.

It is hard to conceive of the extent of misery which must exist in Spain in consequence of the great earthquake. The number of dead in the ruins is running away up in the thousands, and those who will die from exposure and want will count many thousands more.

ANOTHER CRANK has been turned loose in France, who issues a proclamation to the people declaring himself to be Charles XI. France might do a good business by getting an aggregation of pretenders to the throne, and leasing the show out to Barnum, who would exhibit them with the trick mule and the woolly horse.

SECRETARY CHANDLER, in his letter to Mr. Randall, relative to the withholding of appropriation for the naval department, failed to touch upon the real point of democratic hesitation; and that is that the democrats will throw no more money into the naval hole while Chandler is looking in. When the results are turned out of office they will be money enough for all purposes.

THE REAGAN BILL.

The bill pending before congress to regulate the railroads, known as the Reagan bill, has some good features, and if it was possible to enforce the good features without bringing into play the many evils that would follow its passage, it would be well if it could become a law. But this is impossible. Enough has been said during the discussion of the bill, and the amendments proposed, to show present congress that it is far better to let the subject alone—at least for the present.

It is a difficult matter for congress to prescribe rigid rules to govern railroads where the roads are so differently situated, in a country having such a variety of interests as the United States. What is possible in England would be impossible in this country, for this very reason—we have in the north great competition between the railroads. Every railroad in that section that is needed, and many that are not, have been built. In the south it is different. We have not enough to see our people the benefit of competition, and a law that is needed in the north would not operate well in the south.

The population of the south is different from that of the north. Here we have fewer people and two races that are distinct and will be kept so. There they have a dense population, and have no trouble in providing transportation for both races without regard to race or color.

The states issue charters to railroads. The members of the legislatures and the state courts have to pass on the rights of these railroads, and it is right and proper that the legislatures should be able to regulate the corporations should be dictated by our state legislatures. There can be just as much said in favor of abolishing the state courts and of allowing all laws to be administered by federal courts, as there can be in favor of abolishing our state railroad commissions, and conferring all their powers on a national board.

If the bill should become a law, the question as to how the law would be administered would be another serious consideration. That the commission would have great power, is not to be denied; that it could be used with evil effect politically by a corrupt administration is true. Members of congress should hesitate, we think, during the pendency of a democratic administration in taking any step that would indicate that the old federal party had been resurrected. The nearer the control of their rights comes to the people, the better it is for all concerned. We can supervise them—we cannot be so easily imposed upon. There is no pressing necessity for any such legislation in the south. It is to be observed, moreover, in all innovations on the constitution the south has been the sufferer. If we admit the power of congress to regulate our railroads, we shall certainly have to admit the justice of many of the infamous laws that almost destroyed the right of local self-government.

For these reasons we hope the members of congress from this state will vote against the present bill, and that it will be defeated.

THE DECREASE IN VALUES.

The activity in business that set in in 1880 led to an increase in values that culminated in the summer of 1881. Prices remained during a few months stationary, but early in 1882 they began to decline, and the years in general have had things down to this time pretty much to their liking. The occasional checks in the course of downward prices were spurts of an artificial nature. Prices have naturally gone down, and we need not stop to inquire whether excessive production or diminished consumption was the chief underlying cause. Both have pulled in one direction, and what with the economy of the people and the efforts to keep the factories running, together with the remarkable crops of the past year, we have at the beginning of the new year a scale of prices lower than ever before known. The following table, prepared by the New York Mail and Express, shows the difference between the wholesale New York prices of leading products at the two periods:

| ARTICLES. | July 1, 1881. | Dec., 1884. |
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| Corn, No. 2, white | \$1.25 | \$1.00 |
| Cotton, middling | 12 1/2 | 10 1/2 |
| Coffee, S. American | 12 1/2 | 10 1/2 |
| Wheat, No. 2, white | 1.25 | 1.00 |
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THROUGH THE CITY

EVENTS OF INTEREST GATHERED UP ABOUT TOWN.

Happening Here and There in the Courts, at the

Capitol, among the House and on the

streets. Minor News Items Caught up on the

sidewalks—Gossip in the Streets.

Read the notice of D. Tye & Bro's fine

attitude.

The street sweeper has had a rest for several

days.

It is a pity you read D. Tye & Bro's in-

dent.

The two town clocks are three minutes

apart, which is right.

The election comes off Wednesday. If you

have registered go up and vote.

The "spring" in Whitehall street near Rich-

ard's is now flowing again.

The board of police commissioners will con-

vene in regular session next Monday night.

The street gave way to the marmalade yester-

day, and before dark the streets were "quite

ready."

The new council will go in to-night. The

election will hold its first meeting this after-

noon.

Don T. B. Demaree, of Kentucky, will

speak to-night at the Fifth Baptist church on

prohibition.

Jim Williams, a young negro who is in jail

awaiting trial, is dangerously ill.

He has the fever.

T. T. Mason, farmer near Jonesboro, from

whom three cows were stolen last week, has

recovered his property.

A thief named F. W. Smith's residence on

Whitaker street last night and stole an

amount from the hat rack.

The victory switch engine jumped the

track crossing yesterday afternoon

and blocked the street a half hour.

Mr. J. B. McAvoy, the "Three Grocers,"

was killed by the street car Saturday night and

his four front teeth knocked out.

Patrolman Hoyle had a severe racket with a

prisoner yesterday afternoon and was

given a hard luck on the forehead. He suc-

ceeded however in landing his prisoner be-

hind the bars.

The following officers were unanimously

chosen yesterday by the Sabbath school of

the Central Presbyterian church: Superintendent,

Professor W. W. Loomis; assistant

superintendent, Mr. W. R. Hoy; librarian,

Orlando M. Clayton; assistant librarian,

Mr. John Beattie; organist, Mr. Willie Bat-

ter.

DAMAGES WANTED.

The wife of the Negro Who Was Killed at

the Atlanta Express.

Miss Thomas, wife of the man who was killed

at the Atlanta Express, has made a

claim against the company for damages. It

is stated by one of the physicians that the

man was killed by the car, but the coroner's

inquest has not yet been held. The man

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IS HE YARWOOD?

Station House—A Paper Found in a Young

Man's Pocket.

Several weeks ago a circular, descriptive of

one Robert Yarwood, reached police headquar-

ters. The circular was accompanied by a

photograph of Yarwood, and from the two the

Atlanta police department ascertained that

\$500 would be paid for Yarwood's arrest and

delivery in any part of Canada. The photo-

graph showed that Yarwood was a young man

of good appearance, and that he was fond of

wearing a light-colored suit. A circular

stated that he was wanted for embezzlement.

The photograph was filed away.

Saturday night a young man entered

police headquarters and requested the arrest

of another man. The request was addressed

to Station House keeper Foote, and while con-

versing with the young man the station house

keeper instantly observed a strange resem-

blance between Yarwood's photograph and the

young man before him. The longer Dr. Foote

looked at the young man the plainer became

to him that he was the same man who had

been the right man before him. Dr. Foote

asked:

"What was your name?"

"George Brooks, sir," was the reply.

"And where are you from?"

"Mexico," was the brief response.

"Well, walk in and we'll see what we can

do for you. I want to see one arrested, I

believe you said."

"Yes, I do," was the response, as the young

man stepped into the station-house keeper's

office.

"Well, we'll see about it," said Dr. Foote,

as he began running through the photograph

album in a rapid search for the Yarwood

picture. After a brief search, the photograph

was found, and as Dr. Foote turned to this

from it to the face of the man in front of him

he muttered to himself "kew," but aloud he

said to the man:

"Think that looks like you."

The young fellow's eyes followed the di-

rection of the doctor's index finger, and as

soon as they reached upon the photograph he

threw up his hands and actually staggered

backward half way across the office. He

only strengthened Dr. Foote's suspicion, and

before the young man could recover the doc-

tor again said:

"Think that looks like you."

"My God, man, what do you take me for?"

Do you think I am a thief?"

"I have told you you are," was the doctor's

calm reply. "Do you think that photo-

graph looks like you?"

The young man made no reply, and the doc-

tor began comparing him carefully with the

photograph and the description. When the

examination was over the doctor became the

doctor's belief that he had found Yarwood.

During the time the examination was being

made Yarwood was forth with a look of

being badly broken up, and suddenly ex-

claimed:

"I believe I'll go to my hotel."

"No," said Dr. Foote, "you are a hotel, and

you can stay just here a day or two."

"Well, then, give me the key to my room."

I feel bad and want to retire," said the young

man in a very excited manner.

"I'll give you the key to this hotel," responded

Dr. Foote, "and I'll lock you up."

When Brooks found that he had to go

behind the bars he gave way entirely, but a li-

tle assistance quickly placed him in No. 1. As

soon as the door closed on him Brooks changed

his story, and said that he had never been in

Mexico, but that his home was in Greene

county, Georgia. He is about thirty years

of age, about five feet, six inches tall, and

will weigh about one hundred and fifty

pounds. He has a round face, set off with red

cheeks, blue eyes, and a light complexion.

Even the prisoner's wearing apparel and jew-

elry correspond with the description.

Dr. Foote is not a very good judge of men,

but he believes that the circumstances will

warrant his detention until the matter

can be fully investigated.

BENSON, THE SUICIDE.

His Family Resides in Philadelphia—The

THE CHURCHES.

